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REMARKS

Applicants hereby amend the priority information in the specification of this continuation application. No new matter has been added thereby.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 1–63, without prejudice, and add new claims 64-82. Applicants request that this amendment be entered prior to counting the claims in this continuation application but after a filing date has been assigned. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 64-82 will be pending in the application and are presented for consideration.

Support for claims 64-82 can be found throughout the specification of this continuation application, and at least at pages 12-17. Accordingly, no new matter is added by the introduction of new claims 64-82.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request approval and entry of these amendments and allowance of claims 64-82 in due course. Applicants submit with this mailing a check to cover the fee for the new patent application. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Respectfully submitted,

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